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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Zerbst Airfield

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EVALUATION [REDACTED] 25X1X

PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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DATE OF CONT [REDACTED]

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DATE PREPARED 13 February 1951

REFERENCES [REDACTED]

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REMARKS

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1. On 3 January 1951, 32 jet fighters were counted at the Zerbst (M 52/D 98) airfield. (1) Flights were continually made by single-engine, two-seater fighters between 9:15 a.m. and 2:50 p.m. (2) The weather was hazy and the visibility was from 500 to 800 meters. The flying aircraft, whose exact number could not be determined, were of the same type as the planes previously seen at the field. The pilots had to make instrument landings because of the fog.
2. Three radio trucks were seen at the take-off point. The radio installation, previously seen in the eastern extension of the runway, was still there, and was in operation. (3) A two-cable power line led from the radio installation to Straguth (M 53/E 03). Another radio installation was in the southwestern extension of the runway. It consisted of a small hut with four masts, approximately 8 meters high. (4)
3. An annex was being built on the eastern side of the hangar. One crane was being used there. No changes were seen in the construction material dump north of the field. Two hundred barrels with a capacity of 200 liters each were seen in the oil storage depot.
4. The starting of a two-stroke motor was heard from near the firing range. The motor ran at a very high speed. After running for about one to two minutes a whistling sound with a rising pitch started. Then the noise of the engine stopped and only the whistling continued for 4 or 5 minutes. The engine was probably a turbine.

- 25X1B 5. Trucks [REDACTED] were seen on the road leading from Zerbst to the airfield. One tank truck and trucks [REDACTED] 25X1B
- 25X1B [REDACTED] each loaded with two containers, were parked next to the western fence of the Zerbst barracks, along the highway to the field. (5) No gun was seen in the 1A gun emplacements west of the runway.

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- (1) The 32 aircraft counted are not believed to represent the total strength at the field. According to another source, two fighter regiments and one fighter division headquarters are believed to be stationed in Zerbst.

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For parking arrangement of jet aircraft, see Annex.

- (2) Presumably Yak-11s.
- (3) The radio installation, which was previously reported by another source, is believed to be a landing beacon.  25X1A
- (4) Presumably a beacon or an Adcock DR.
- (5) 

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1 Annex: 1 - one sketch on ditto.

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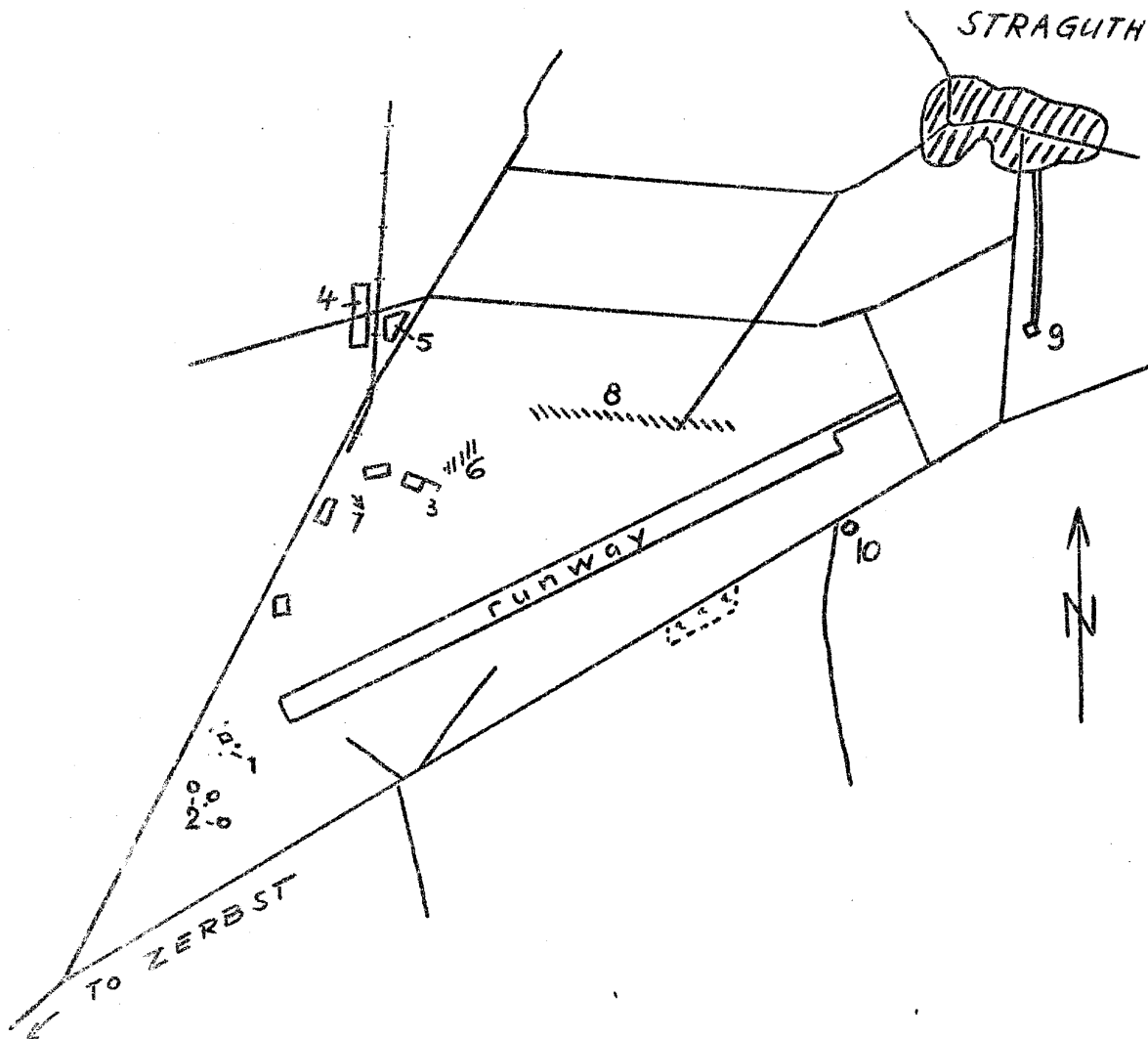
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Zerbst Airfield



Legend:

- 1 - Radio installation with four masts
- 2 - Vacant AA gun emplacements.
- 3 - Line to hangar
- 4 - Building material dump
- 5 - Oil storage depot
- 6 - Eight jet aircraft
- 7 - One jet plane
- 8 - Twenty-three jet aircraft
- 9 - Radio installation
- 10 - Signboard pointing to the south (3)
with Russian inscription: March Route N 3

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